

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

**ITEM 4**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA FOR RESEARCH RELATING TO A PLAN FOR LOW-INCOME WATER RATE ASSISTANCE

**DISCUSSION**

It is the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitation purposes (Wat. Code, § 106.3).

The State Water Board is required to develop a plan for the funding and implementation of a Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program pursuant to the Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Act (Assembly Bill 401 (Dodd, 2015)).

The State Water Board entered into a contract in 2016 (Agreement Number 15-092-240) with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for research and analysis regarding the funding and implementation of a Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

The term of the existing contract, as previously amended, ends on December 31, 2018, and the total cost is \$463,706.

It is necessary to extend the term of the contract and increase the contract amount to allow time for public comment and additional meetings with stakeholders, further research and analysis as necessary, and preparation of a final report.

**POLICY ISSUE**

Should the State Water Resources Control Board adopt this resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to execute a contract amendment with UCLA to extend the time for completing a plan for a Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program pursuant to Assembly Bill 401 and increasing the contract amount for work related thereto?

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The resolution will authorize an additional \$100,000 of funding and add two additional years to the term of the contract by extending the end date to December 31, 2020.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the State Water Board adopt the proposed resolution.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the State Water Board in achieving <a href="#">Resolution No. 2016-0010</a> in adopting the human right to water as a core value and directing its implementation in Water Board programs and activities.
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